



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN BREAK IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

December 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main break, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

Dewatering and Bypass Operations

- Work continues 24/7 to dewater the site and contain discharge.
- Crews are working to address and remove ponding on the south side of Ponce de Leon Drive.
- Most other streets in the affected area remain dry.
- An emergency operations center on-site continues to operate round the clock.
- Six pumps continue to control and contain discharge from the break area.
- An additional 500 sand bags were delivered to the site today as an added measure of protection for homes and properties in close proximity to the break.
- 16 tankers and vacuum trucks removed discharge today and transported it to other locations in the City's wastewater collection system.
- A new configuration was successfully employed to provide trucks with easier and more efficient access to and from the site to maximize operations.
- Two bypasses are fully operational moving discharge from catch basins in the affected area to sewer lines north and south of the break.

Repair Activities

- Repair parts are being fabricated and are expected to arrive on Monday, December 16.
- Additional parts, tools, and equipment were delivered to the site today so that they can be staged and ready when the fabricated parts arrive.

Garbage Collection for Residents in Affected Area on Ponce de Leon Drive

- Garbage collection service successfully resumed and was completed today for residents on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.

Aeration

- Nine aerators are operating at various locations in the Tarpon River.
- Aeration will help improve water quality in the Tarpon River by improving oxygen levels in the water, increasing circulation, breaking down organic matter in the discharge, and helping to control odor.
- Two vessels conducted skimming and debris removal activities on the Tarpon River with service continuing on a daily basis.

Environmental Cleanup

-A crew of 15 workers conducted environmental cleanup activities today focusing largely on Ponce de Leon Drive east of SE 9 Avenue.

-Activities included disinfecting, power washing streets, sidewalks, and driveways, spreading lime in swale and grass areas, and collecting debris.

-The environmental contractor will be on site daily until the remediation is complete.

Road Closure

-Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the work progresses.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities Expanded

-The City, in consultation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, is expanding the boundaries for the precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways.

-The new boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Residents and businesses should avoid swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within these boundaries.

-The precautionary advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

-To view a map of the expanded precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

-To view a map of the impacted area, please visit <http://bit.ly/2LLTeNb>.

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